



## Out & About

News and notes for LGBT-parented families

### Family Matters Conference set for October 15th!

The 2nd Annual PFP [Family Matters Conference](#) will take place Saturday, **October 15** in the beautiful University Center at **Widener University** from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The conference cosponsors are Widener's Center for Social Work Education and the Graduate Program in Human Sexuality.



We have a great lineup of **workshops** and panels that cover the gamut from "Pink, Blue or Green? A discussion about raising healthy gender nonconforming kids in a pink and blue world" to "Do's and Don'ts of Donor Insemination" to "Stress Relief for the Whole Family" for parents and kids together. [View the complete list of workshops.](#)

Four teenagers with LGBT parents will join us for an **Ask the Experts!** panel over lunch, and the Philadelphia Freedom Band will perform for us at the end of the day.

**Pre-register by October 10th** to order lunch and reserve a space in the **kids zone** (for ages 3 and up). Though we can't provide child care for the under 3 crowd, parents are welcome to bring their infants and toddlers. There will be a baby-friendly "quiet space" for parents to relax with the littlest ones. You may also bring your own lunch. [Register now!](#)

Cost is \$5/adult for PFP members who pre-register; \$10 for non-members. After October 10th, it's \$10 for PFP members and \$15 for non-members. Kids and students are free.



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### Lots of fun at Dads Potluck and Toddler Gathering

On Saturday, September 18, 30 dads and kids gathered in Center City for a **vegetarian potluck** at the home of Noel and Vic. While the dads and pops caught up, the kids tested their video game skills.



Check out the awesome view from the rooftop

deck! Thanks again to Noel and Vic for hosting.

If you are interested in hosting an upcoming Dads Potluck, please e-mail PFP Board Chair Marc Berman at [marc@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:marc@phillyfamilypride.org).



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following weekend on Sunday, September 25, six families got together with their **infants and toddlers** at the Clark Park tot lot in West Philly. Though the forecast called for showers, we forged ahead and were rewarded with nice weather and not a drop of rain!

Kids enjoyed the baby swings and dino slide while the parents got to know each other and planned their next playgroup. Look for more infant/toddler meetups over the winter. Thanks to Sandra Telep for hosting this great event!

You know what's next, right? If you'd like to host an infant/toddler playgroup, e-mail Community Coordinator Stephanie Haynes at [stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org).

## Member Milestones

♥ Jodi Holmes and Adrienne Lutz welcomed twins Avery Ann and Joshua Steve on September 26, joining big brother Noah. Avery weighed 6lbs, 13oz and Joshua weighed 7lbs, 4oz. Congrats!



♥ Speaking of twins, new members Shannan Currier and Christine Pomroy are thrilled to announce they are expecting identical twins April 7, 2012.

♥ Chris Helm and Matthew Daniels are proud to announce the finalization of the adoption of their son Lucas on September 27. Congrats guys!

*If you have a milestone you'd like included in a future newsletter, please [e-mail Stephanie](mailto:stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org).*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, October 9:** Join us at OutFEST in the Gayborhood to celebrate National Coming Out Day. Stop by the PFP table and Family Zone at



Day. Stop by the PFP table and family zone at Camac and Spruce Streets during one of the biggest Pride events of the year. New this year is a **castle moon bounce** for the kids. [E-mail Stephanie](#) if you can volunteer.



**Saturday, October 15:** PFP's 2nd Annual [Family Matters Conference](#) at Widener University on Saturday, October 15.

**Saturday, October 22:** Celebrate Halloween at Linvilla Orchard with a Harvest Hayride and more. The hayride is free for members, \$6/person for non-members. [More info.](#)

**Saturday, November 5:** Meet other PFP families at Valley Green Inn at 10 a.m. for a [fall hike](#) in the Wissahickon.

**Sunday, November 6:** [Gazillion Bubbles](#) show at the Merriam Theater. Tickets are sold out!

**Saturday and Sunday, November 12-13:** Back by popular demand - PFP's Neighborhood Potlucks. Watch for more information as we nail down the details.

**Sunday, January 1, 2012:** Save the date for our annual New Year's Day Potluck Brunch.

Keep an eye on your e-mail and our [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter feed](#) for more upcoming events.



## Family Diversity Projects Exhibit at Family Matters Conference

In addition to the workshops and panels at the [Family Matters Conference](#) on the 15th, we will also have part of one of the beautiful photo exhibits from the Family Diversity Projects on display in the vendor area.

[Family Diversity Projects](#) is a non-profit organization based in Amherst, MA that has created six award-winning traveling rental photo-text exhibits that tour communities nationwide and internationally, including their [Love Makes a Family](#) exhibit, featuring portraits of LGBT people and their families.



Their exhibits are perfect for diversity events in:

- Schools (K-12)
- Colleges
- Community Centers
- Conferences
- Corporations & Workplaces
- Libraries

- Houses of Worship
- Hospitals
- Mental Health Centers
- Museums

By educating people of all ages to recognize, support, and celebrate the full range of diversity, their traveling exhibits are designed to help reduce prejudice, stereotyping, and harassment of all people who are perceived to be "different" from the "norm."

Family Diversity Projects also provides speakers on diversity and workshop leaders for conferences and exhibit venues.

[How to bring their rental exhibits to your community.](#)



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